

## What is Claimed is:

- [c1] A method of transferring a computer file from a first storage media to a second storage media, comprising:
- reading the file from the first storage media into a third storage media;
  - writing the file from the third storage media into the second storage media; and
  - charging a transaction fee.
- [c2] The method of claim 1, wherein the second storage media is paper.
- [c3] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- establishing a communication link to a portable electronic device, wherein the first storage media is controlled by the portable electronic device and is in communication with the third storage media through the communication link.
- [c4] The method of claim 2, wherein the communication link is established through an IR port, an USB port, or a RS-232 port.
- [c5] The method of claim 4, further comprising:
- establishing a communication link over a computer network to a remote computer, wherein the second storage media is controlled by the remote computer and is in communication with the third storage media over the computer network.
- [c6] The method of claim 5, wherein the computer network is the internet.
- [c7] The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- establishing a communication link over a computer network to a remote computer, wherein the first storage media is controlled by the remote computer and is in communication with the third storage media over the computer network.
- [c8] The method of claim 7, wherein the computer network is the internet.
- [c9] The method of claim 8, further comprising:

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- [c10] The method of claim 9, wherein the communication link is established via an IR port, an USB port, or a RS-232 port.
- [c11] The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining a transaction type, wherein the first storage media and the second storage media are identified according to the determined transaction type.
- [c12] A method of purchasing a first storage media from a vending machine, comprising:  
selecting a first storage media type;  
selecting a first storage media amount;  
charging a transaction fee; and  
dispensing the first storage media.
- [c13] The method of claim 12, wherein the first storage media is paper, CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, or floppy disk.
- [c14] The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
transferring a computer file from a second storage media to the first storage media before the step of dispensing the first storage media.
- [c15] The method of claim 14, further comprising:  
establishing a communication link to a portable electronic device, wherein the second storage media is controlled by the portable electronic device and is in communication with the first storage media via the communication link.
- [c16] The method of claim 15, wherein the communication link is established via an IR port, an USB port, or a RS-232 port.
- [c17] The method of claim 14, further comprising:

establishing a communication link over a computer network to a remote computer, wherein the second storage media is controlled by the remote computer and is in communication with the first storage media over the computer network.

- [c18] The method of claim 17, wherein the computer network is the internet.
- [c19] A system for purchasing a first storage media from a vending machine, the system comprising:
- a payment interface;
  - a media distribution device for dispensing the first storage media; and
  - a user input device for selecting one or more of a media type and a media amount.
- [c20] The system of claim 19, wherein the first storage media is paper and the media distribution device is a digital photocopier.
- [c21] The system of claim 19, wherein the media distribution device is an electronic media distribution device, and the first storage media is electronic storage media.
- [c22] A system for transferring a computer file from a first storage media, the system comprising:
- a second media distribution device for distributing a second storage media;
  - a first media read/write interface for coupling to the first storage media;
  - and
  - a payment interface for accepting payment for a transaction in which the computer file is transferred from the first storage media to the second storage media.
- [c23] The system of claim 22, wherein the second storage media is paper and the second media distribution device is a digital photocopier.
- [c24] The system of claim 22, wherein the second media is portable electronic media and the second media distribution device is an electronic media distribution

device.

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The system of claim 22, further comprising:

a portable electronic device interface, wherein the portable electronic device interface is in communication with the first storage media and wherein the first storage media is controlled by a portable electronic device.